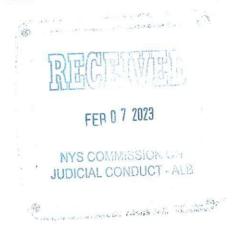
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February 3, 2023



NYS Commissions on Judicial Conduct Robert H. Tembeckjian S. Peter Pedrotty Corning Tower, Suite 2301 Albany, NY 12223

RE: Richard F. Olcott

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the Verified Answer for the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Andrew J. Russell

AJR/hmj Enclosures cc: Hon. Richard F. Olcott

STATE OF NEW YORK COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

VERIFIED ANSWER

RICHARD F. OLCOTT,

a Justice of the Elizabethtown Town Court, Essex County.

The Respondent, **RICHARD F. OLCOTT**, by his attorney, Andrew J. Russell, Esq. of Russell, McCormick & Russell, hereby answers the Formal Written Complaint as follows:

- 1. Admits the allegations in Paragraphs "1", "4", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", and "14" of the Formal Written Complaint.
- 2. Denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "5", "11", "12", "15", "16", "17" of the Formal Written Complaint.
- 3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief with respect to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs "2" and "3" of the Formal Written Complaint.
- 4. Admits part of the allegations on Paragraph "13", as to signing the Memorandum of Plea Agreement. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief that Mr. Olcott had not signed the Memorandum of Plea Agreement and called him to come sign it.
- 5. Denies any and all other allegations contained in the Formal Written Complain which have not been specifically addressed.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, RICHARD F. OLCOTT, demands Judgment dismissing the Formal Written Complaint, together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: February 2, 2023

RUSSELL, McCORMICK & Russe By:

TO: NYS Commissions on Judicial Conduct Robert H. Tembeckjian S. Peter Pedrotty Corning Tower, Suite 2301 Albany, NY 12223 Andrew J. Russel Attorney for Defendant 101 Clinton Street PO Box 549 Keeseville, NY 12944 (518) 834-7700

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK))ss: COUNTY OF ESSEX)

RICHARD F. OLCOTT, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the Respondent in the action herein;

I have read the annexed Answer and know the contents thereof, and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

ÍCHARD F. OLCOTT

Sworn to before me this <u>میا</u> day of February, 2023.

Notary Public

ANDREW J. RUSSELL NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York Residing in The County of Glinton دیندی No. 02RU6200669 Commission Expires February 9, 20